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MR. CHAIRMAN : I must tell the hon. Member, as I have told him before, that he should put a supplementary question and not suggest action to be taken. The hon. Member must put everything in the form of a question.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : It is only a question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, it is not a question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is a suggestion for action.

State Seed Farms

* 5 *Q*.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of State Seed Farms as on 1st April 1960?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : One hundred and thirty State Seed Farms.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether the seed farms are working on a profit?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have got certain particulars regarding the working of these seed farms for the half-year commencing from the 1st of April 1960. This shows that the non-recurring expenditure amounts to Rs. 2,63,394·61 during the half-year, recurring expenditure amounts to Rs. 6,94,274·71. The income during the half-year amounted to Rs. 6,25,168·10. Further there is a sum of Rs. 1,15,357·77 being the value of seeds distributed which remains to be adjusted in the accounts. This is the revenue during the half-year ending 30th September 1960 which will be in the order of Rs. 7,40,525·87.

Re-employment of Heads of Departments

* 6 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Heads of Departments re-employed after superannuation or the contract period during 1959–60; and

(*b*) the reasons for such re-employment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Five.

(*b*) Re-employment was sanctioned for administrative reasons and in the exigencies of public service.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a fact, Sir, that some time ago, the Hon. Minister for Home in replying to another question said that the question of re-employment would be considered only in the case of technical men and not administrative personnel or officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, generally that is so Sir.

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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Does not the Hon. Minister think that the re-employment of administrative officers would adversely affect the interests of the officers below them awaiting promotion?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have to take the general interest or the benefit that would be derived in respect of general administration. And as far as administrative officers are concerned, it is only for short period that they are re-employed when they are absolutely necessary.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is there any principle governing the re-employment of administrative officers by the Government or does it depend only on the whims and fancies of the Ministers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, we exercise our own judgment and if the hon. Member chooses to call it the whims and fancies of the Ministers, perhaps it is so.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it not a fact that the Hon. the Finance Minister while replying to a debate recently in this House himself admitted that certain appointments made were not in keeping with the principles laid down by Government? (Laughter).

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not aware of having made any such statement. (Laughter.) Anyhow if the hon. Member asks whether any particular appointment was or was not in accordance with the principles laid down, I shall certainly say whether it was according to the principles or not.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Government consider the desirability of examining the question individually before re-employment so that it may not act detrimentally to the interests of the officers below?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Again, that is only a suggestion.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : And the hon. Member is just suggesting what he does not want us to do. (Laughter).

Promotion of Tamil studies

* 7 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to render assistance to Universities in other States for the promotion of Tamil studies;

(b) whether any applications for assistance have been received from other Universities; and

(c) if so, the details of assistance given or proposed to be given?